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On January 10 reftel points were delivered to French MFA Afghanistan desk officer, Cyril Gerardon, who said that the French had discussed and submitted a proposal to the French Cabinet on January 5 whereby the French would donate ten million euros to a trust fund. He stressed that the cabinet had yet to approve this contribution, but that the MFA felt relatively confident that it would be approved, thus providing greater funding than originally anticipated. He added that the lead French representative at the meeting would probably be Herve Ladsous, the Director for Asia at the MFA. The talking points were shared with the office of the Ambassador to Afghanistan in Paris and with the British Embassy.

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